

President : Is it not largely a matter for the High Court? If the honourable member will send up a note on the subject, I will forward it to the High Court.

Amelioration of the condition of the legal profession.

97. ***Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are taken by the Travancore Bar Council for the amelioration of the condition of the legal profession ;

(b) whether the Bar Council made any recommendation or recommendations to them or the High Court in regard to the same ; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by them in respect of the same ?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : (a), (b) and (c): Government have nothing to do with it.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether the Government are aware that the profession of Advocates alone is not sufficiently recompensed for war conditions ?

President : Of course, that is a melancholy fact, but what does the honourable member suggest ?

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : The Advocate's fees are not raised.

President : The clients would not pay them. If the Bar Council and the Bar combine and put forward any revision of fees, the Government would not stand in the way. I am perfectly aware that whereas in every other profession, the emoluments have been revised, the ad valorem fees are exactly what they were. If the Bar moves in the matter, Government would not stand in the way of increasing their fees.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : The High Court did not approve of the Bar Council's recommendations.

President : If the Council, in the course of its discussions, makes known the fact, we shall move the High Court.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : In 1120 the High Court, of their own accord, raised the ad valorem fees by 50 per cent.

Separation of Judiciary from the Executive.

98. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme to separate the Judiciary from the Executive ?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : The matter is under investigation by the Government.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know when this investigation will be completed ?

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : As soon as possible.